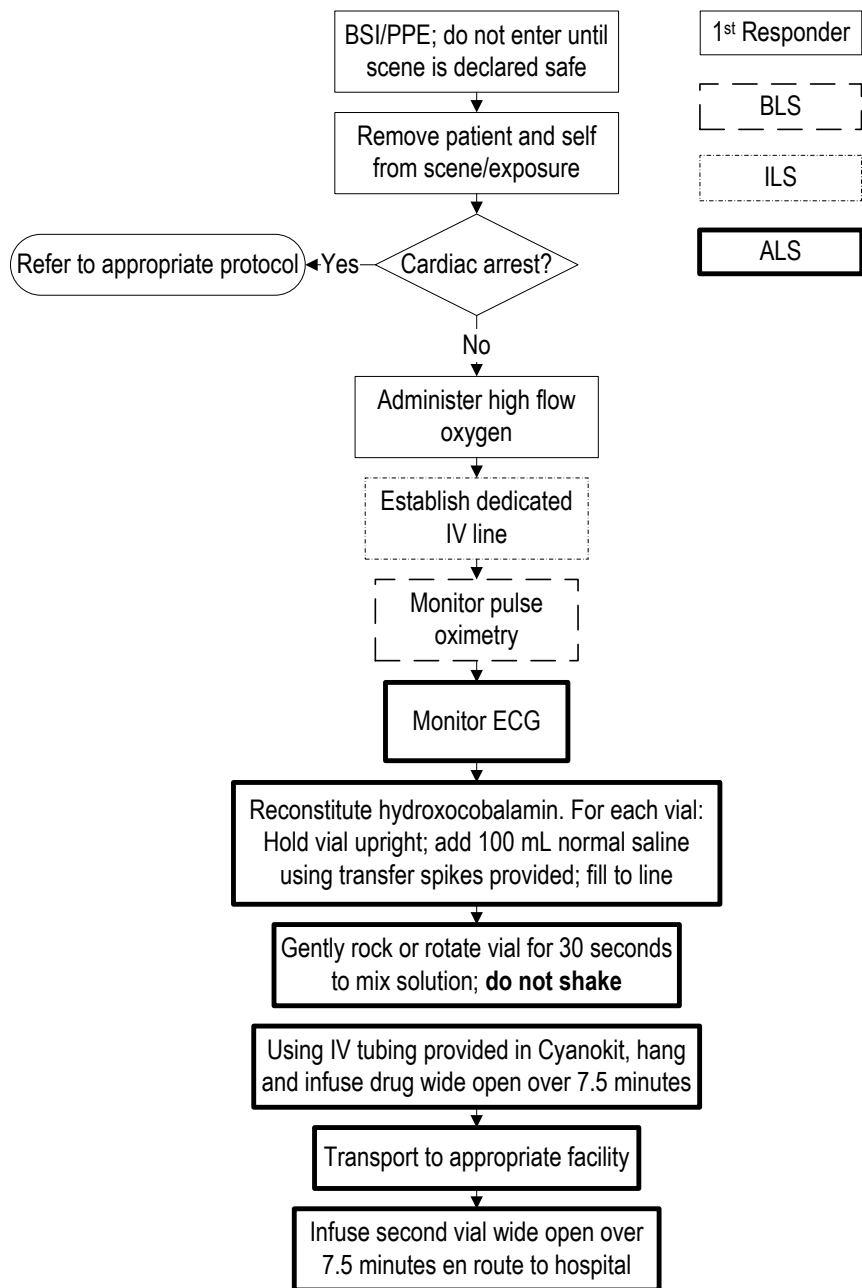


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
MEDICAL PROTOCOL  
CYANIDE POISONING**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Patient found in an area with known or suspected cyanide exposure	Dyspnea Tachypnea Tachycardia / bradycardia Headache Dizziness Generalized weakness	Bizarre behavior Confusion Excessive sleepiness Coma Flushed Bitter almonds smell
		Possible cyanide poisoning



**NOTES:**

- Cyanide kits may be supplied by industrial facility where there is a risk of employee exposure
- Cyanide kit provides medication, vented IV tubing and 2 transfer spikes
- A dedicated IV line is critical, as the medication (hydroxocobalamin) is not compatible with many other medications
- Medication turns red when reconstituted